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SUBJECT: ALLEGED LOCKHEED ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN BRAZIL
REF: BRASILIA 8615 AND 8655
1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE DEVELOPED FOR INQUIRIES HERE:

A) QUESTION: HAS THE USG INFORMED THE GOB OF ANY QUESTION-
ABLE PAYMENTS BY US COMPANIES OR MULTINATIONALS IN
BRAZIL?

ANSWER: NO
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B) QUESTION: DOES THE USG HAVE INFORMATION THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SUCH QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS IN BRAZIL?

ANSWER: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS NO SUCH INFORMATION.

C) (IF RAISED): CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT SECRETARY RICHARDSON INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA THAT THE SEC PLANNED TO INVESTIGATE LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA, INCLUDING BRAZIL.

ANSWER: THE SUBJECT OF QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS IN BRAZIL OR INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING BRAZIL DID NOT COME UP IN THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY RICHARDSON.

2. FOR EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND ONLY: AS INDICATED REFTEL (B) SUBJECT WHICH DID ARISE IN FONMIN'S DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY RICHARDSON WAS BRAZILIAN POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IN UN-ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS; THIS WAS LIMITED, HOWEVER, TO A DISCUSSION OF THIS MULTILATERAL INITIATIVE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES,SEC INVESTIGATIONS OR SPECIFIC COUNTRIES IN WHICH PROBLEMS MAY HAVE OCCURRED.

3. VEJA CORRESPONDENT ROBERTO GARCIA WAS PROVIDED RESPONSES (A) AND (B) BY ARA/ECA ON OCTOBER 7. HE DID NOT INQUIRE RE: RICHARDSON-SILVEIRA TALKS. HE DID RAISE QUESTION OF PROCEDURES SHOULD GOB WISH TO OBTAIN FROM USG INFORMATION ON ILLEGAL PAYMENTS IN BRAZIL. (ANSWER: INITIATE CONTACTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS). HE ALSO SEEMED INTERESTED IN RESURRECTING THE ISSUE OF THE NORTHRUP DOCUMENTS MADE PUBLIC LAST YEAR. ROBINSON

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